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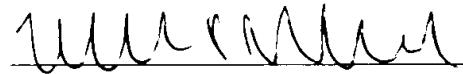
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) mailed February 4, 2002, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge the amount of the declaration surcharge of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) for a non-small entity to Deposit Account No. 13-4125.

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application.

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- Properly signed Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 identifying the application by the attorney docket number, US serial number and filing date.
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Respectfully submitted,



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- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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